REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1, 4, 6, 9-10, 12, 15-16, 18, 21-22, 24 and 27-28 have been amended. Claims 1-29 are pending and under consideration.

The rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112 are now discussed. It is respectfully submitted that there is antecedent support for "the storage chamber" in claims 18 and 24. The Examiner's attention is drawn to the preamble of these claims. The remaining rejections are overcome by the present claim amendments.

The rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 are now discussed.

Independent claim 1 recites at least one shield member blocking and contacting surfaces of at least one of the first and second magnets. In contrast, the frame 35 (relied upon by the Examiner) does not contact the magnet 41 (also relied upon by the Examiner). Keil, FIG. 2.

Independent claims 12 and 24 are patentably distinguishable from Keil at least for similar reasons as discussed with respect to claim 1.

Independent claim 6 recites at least one shield member blocking side surfaces of at least one of the first and second magnets. In contrast, the frame 35 is disposed rearward relative to the magnet 41. Keil, FIG. 2.

Independent claim 18 is patentably distinguishable from Keil at least for similar reasons as discussed with respect to claim 6.

Hyodo does not overcome these deficiencies in Keil, and is not relied on by the Examiner to do so.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

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